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## SPUD FACT

In 1853, railroad magnate Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt was at a fashionable resort in Saratoga Springs, NY. He complained that his potatoes were cut too thick and sent them back to the kitchen. The angry chef sliced some potatoes paper thin, fried them in hot oil and served them. To everyone's surprise, Vanderbilt loved them, and "Saratoga chips," or potato chips, have been popular ever since.





Barnesvillians are quite modest when it comes to blowing their own horns. But over the years there have been some high falutin' celebrities that have shown up for the Potato Days festival. Some have been known to travel from as far away as Pelican Rapids, Rothsay. Even Dilworth, DL or Fergus. There are rumors that a carload from Hawley once attended but that took an unusual amount of map work and a guide service to get them safely here and back home again. Way back in 2003 we hit the jackpot when this gorgeous duo of Norse beauties stopped by the downtown stage. Olgo (Left) and Inga (Right) had the crowd in stitches with some of their words of "wisdom".

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But where are they now? What have they done for us lately?

## Chainsaw Carving Demonstrations



For years twins Fred and Frank Thompson demonstrated their talent and skills with chain saws and a propane torch. They transformed weathered old stumps into works of art. This photo was snapped 20 years ago at the 2003 Potato Days celebration here in Barnesville. Fred has since passed away.